

By Saturday Evening's Mail.

The investigation of the recent duel, near Richmond, is still in progress. Nothing, however, of a satisfactory character, has been elicited.

The Richmond South says, Mr. Clemens was in some much more pain yesterday than on the previous day. This, no doubt, was owing to the removal of the bandages, which were taken off in order to stretch the limb. There is at present no sufficient reason to anticipate an unfavorable result.

We understand that the oysters and clams, from the Wilmington (N. C.) Herald, which are abundant on our coast have been diseased. On opening them, the contents are found to be perfectly black and shriveled up, presenting a singular appearance. In consequence of this, the Saunders have stopped eating them altogether. Who can tell the cause of this mortality among the oysters?

A young man named Wilson, attempted to commit suicide, in Petersburg, on Thursday night, by swallowing a dose of laudanum, but, being fearful that he would fall in his bed, he introduced into his stomach nearly three ounces of the poisonous fluid. The consequence was that the overdose produced an effect similar to a desperate case of sea sickness, and after a series of efforts, the whole of it was dislodged.

Dr. John Bragg, the oldest and one of the most eminent physicians of Petersburg, died on Thursday evening.

The Charlottesville Advocate says that A. J. Shackelford, one of the prisoners who broke jail last spring, was arrested in Upper county, a few days since, and returned to the Albemarle jail this morning.

Naval.

The Fulton, Water Witch, Harriet Lane and Supply, will sail for the Paraguay river early next week. The other vessels will sail as soon as they are ready.

First Lieutenant Charles A. Henderson has been ordered as additional marine officer to the Salado.

The examination, by the President, of the cases of the Navy officers who were placed on the retired list, is about drawing to a conclusion. It is thought probable that nearly all of them will be restored to the active list.

Commander Samuel Swartwout has been ordered to relieve Commander A. P. Taylor, in command of the New York tenders, on the 26th of Oct. next.

Commander Wm. Radford has been appointed light house inspector of third light house district, vice Commander H. H. Bell, deceased at his residence.

Lieut. W. E. Woodford has been ordered to the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Lieut. Geo. T. Sinclair has been ordered to reinforce duty at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The following gentlemen, who recently passed examination as first assistant engineers, have been warranted for the service:

W. H. Thompson, Edward B. Litch, George D. Litch, Edward L. D. Clark, Charles E. De Valin, R. W. A. Copeland, William H. Gladding—Washington Star.

DIED.

At Ashland, Hanover county, on Thursday, the 23d instant, at 6 P. M., Mrs. FRANCES B. ROBINSON, wife of Edwin Robinson.

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, Sept. 26.

The offerings on Change were light, and the market quiet. There were no sales of Flour reported, and quotations are unchanged. Wheat is steady, and prices firm. Sales of fair white at 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2, and at 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2, according to quality. No sales of Corn reported, and that article is very scarce.

The Markets.

Baltimore, Sept. 26.—Flour steady. Howland and Ohio \$5.50; City Mills \$5.25. Wheat is dull; white 14 1/4 @ 14 1/2; red 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2. Corn is dull; white 8 1/2; yellow 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4. Provisions are very dull and unchanged. Lard is quiet at 11 1/2.

New York, Sept. 25.—Flour is firm; sales of 1000 bags, \$5.25 @ \$5.37; Ohio \$5.85 @ \$6.00; Southern \$4.95 @ \$5.75. Wheat is firm; sales of 25,000 bushels; common grades are heavy; red 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4; white 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4. Corn is buoyant; sales of 28,000 bushels; mixed 7 1/2 @ 7 3/4. Pork is heavy; mess \$16.90 @ \$17.10; prime \$14.90 @ \$15. Lard is dull at 11 1/2 @ 11 3/4. Whiskey is quiet at 24 1/2. Stocks are dull and lower. Mo. 6 1/4 @ 8 1/4.

Georgetown Cattle Market, Sept. 25.

The offerings of beef cattle at the yards yesterday amounted to 600 head, all of which were purchased by District butchers and speculators at \$2.50 @ \$3.75 on the hoof, equal to \$2.75 @ \$3.00 sheep and lambs in good supply, selling at \$2.50 per head; hogs \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

The Baltimore American of Saturday says: "The money market exhibits no new features. There is considerable paper offering on the street, but there is no difficulty in placing it at the quotations, which are still 6 per cent. for endorsed, and 7 1/2 per cent. for good single name paper. Call loans on first class collaterals can be readily made at 6 per cent."

NOTICE.—Providence permitting, there will be a Sunday School Celebration at Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, on Wednesday, the 29th instant. Procession to form at the new Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock A. M., and march to a beautiful grove near by, where the exercises will be held. Hon. W. H. Thomas, Judge Brochus, Rev. Dr. Sampson, and other distinguished speakers are engaged to deliver appropriate addresses. A variety of recitations by the scholars will be expected. Also, music in abundance, as well as refreshments. The friends of Sunday Schools are invited to attend. By order of the Committee of Arrangements: H. W. READ, Chairman.

Falls Church, Sept. 27—ed2t

SECOND ARRIVAL.

BRYAN, ADAMS & CO.

Have again received a large and well selected stock of FALL and WINTER DRESS GOODS, and as they intend to keep up their assortment for retailing during the season, they respectfully invite all in want of good and cheap goods, to examine their stock, being determined to sell as low as they can be, in this or any other city.

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FOR RENT.—THE HOUSE on St.

Asaph, between Queen and Cameron streets, occupied by Mrs. Ann Page. It is in good order, with water and gas, and has nine rooms. Possession given by October 31st, or earlier if wanted. For terms apply to J. M. STEWART, Exchange Block.

PAIN EXTRACT of Valerian, Uva Ursi,

Rattenued, Lobelia, Ipecacuanha, Peru, Bark, Rhubarb, Picca, Root, Dandelion, Scullcap, Ergot, and Cubebs. The above carefully prepared by DR. R. H. STABLER, No. 165, King st., cor. of Washington.

DOWDEN'S DENTAL FLUID.—This

preparation for preserving the Teeth, and imparting to them a pearly whiteness, effectually arrests decay, and affords a speedy relief from Tooth Ache. For sale by J. A. MILBURN, Apothecary.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Country buyers

are respectfully solicited to call at the new Patent Store, and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. T. B. POISAL & CO., No. 102, King-street.

LOCAL ITEMS.

FREIGHT CHARGES ON THE VIRGINIA CENTRAL RAILROAD.—The Richmond Enquirer copies our article in reference to the charges on Freight on the Virginia Central Railroad, and subjoins the following remarks:

"We know nothing of the above charges made by the Alexandria 'Gazette.' We are very glad to see the 'Gazette' turning its attention to Railroad affairs. We may ask if the Orange and Alexandria Railroad does not discriminate in its charges in favor of freight going to Alexandria? We know that there is a general complaint against nearly every road in the State, for high rates of freight. This, we may say, is a universal complaint made against our roads. Whether the Central discriminates against Alexandria or not, we cannot say. Let the 'Gazette' point out the kind of discrimination. Such discrimination is unjust to the farmer and unasked by Richmond. Our city enters a fair field of competition in trade, and does not deserve or desire any favoritism aid from unjust discrimination. We would like to see the 'Gazette' call the attention of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad to the discrimination made against freight coming to Richmond. How is it that there is so little harmony between these two roads?—Whose fault is it? Complaints are being made against both. Cannot a fair tariff of low rates be fixed by all our roads? Such a tariff would greatly increase the business of the roads, and can be made perfectly fair to Alexandria as well as to Richmond. A full bill of complaint against our roads, would embrace many reforms that now militate greatly against their freight business."

The Enquirer will find upon investigation that the discriminations complained of by us do exist. We have made enquiry in the proper quarter, and learn that similar discriminations are made upon the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and we see by the toll sheet of the Danville Road that a like policy is pursued upon it. All we have to say is, that we consider it all wrong, and trust that the Board of Public Works and the State proxies will do their duty by the State, and apply the proper corrective, should this course be persisted in by these or other Companies.—To illustrate the system, as pursued by the Central Road, we give the following table, from a source which happens to be at hand:

Tolls on the Virginia Central Railroad, taken from the toll sheet of the Company which went into effect on the 1st inst.

FROM RICHMOND TO

GORDONSVILLE, 26 miles, 136 miles.

From Richmond to

Bacon, in casks, &c., per 100 lbs. 30 55

Do, in barrels, &c., per 100 lbs. 34 55

Boys and shoes, in boxes, per 100 lbs. 34 55

Butter, in boxes, per 100 lbs. 34 55

Dried goods, in boxes, per 100 lbs. 34 55

Drugs and Medicines, per 100 lbs. 34 55

Flour, in barrels, per 100 lbs. 34 55

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ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER MT. VERNON.

The steamer Mount Vernon of the Aquia Creek line, on her trip up the river, on Saturday afternoon, when just above this city, burst her cylinder. The steamer Thomas Collier went along side and took off her passengers and mail, and conveyed them to Washington. A steam tug towed the Mount Vernon to her wharf at Washington.

The Alexandria correspondent of the Washington Star says:—"Among the improvements on King street, none strike us as displaying more taste than the front recently added to the jewelry establishment of Benjamin Barton. It is quite unique, yet very showy, and is an ornament to its neighborhood. The proprietor has for many years maintained among our people a most enviable reputation. Too modest to seek public honors, he is the recipient of a dozen posts of private trust, where high business standing, great prudence, and inflexible integrity, are essential, and the connection of his name with an institution, is a guarantee of its public utility."

The receipts for tolls on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal at the Georgetown Collector's office for the week ending on Saturday, amounted to \$2,840, as follows: Ascending trade, \$248; Descending trade, \$2,592.

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1858. SUNDAY. MOON'S PHASES.

27 Monday... 6 55 55 D. M. M.

28 Tuesday... 6 55 55 Last q. 29 41 41

29 Wednesday... 6 55 55 New m. 30 57 57

30 Thursday... 6 55 55 First q. 1 7 33

1 Friday... 6 10 55 1st q. 22 10 9

2 Saturday... 6 11 55 1st q. 22 10 9

3 Sunday... 6 12 55 1st q. 22 10 9

4 Monday... 6 13 55 1st q. 22 10 9

5 Tuesday... 6 14 55 1st q. 22 10 9

6 Wednesday... 6 15 55 1st q. 22 10 9

7 Thursday... 6 16 55 1st q. 22 10 9

8 Friday... 6 17 55 1st q. 22 10 9

9 Saturday... 6 18 55 1st q. 22 10 9

10 Sunday... 6 19 55 1st q. 22 10 9

11 Monday... 6 20 55 1st q. 22 10 9

12 Tuesday... 6 21 55 1st q. 22 10 9

13 Wednesday... 6 22 55 1st q. 22 10 9

14 Thursday... 6 23 55 1st q. 22 10 9

15 Friday... 6 24 55 1st q. 22 10 9

16 Saturday... 6 25 55 1st q. 22 10 9

17 Sunday... 6 26 55 1st q. 22 10 9

18 Monday... 6 27 55 1st q. 22 10 9

19 Tuesday... 6 28 55 1st q. 22 10 9

20 Wednesday... 6 29 55 1st q. 22 10 9

21 Thursday... 6 30 55 1st q. 22 10 9

22 Friday... 6 31 55 1st q. 22 10 9

23 Saturday... 6 32 55 1st q. 22 10 9

24 Sunday... 6 33 55 1st q. 22 10 9

25 Monday... 6 34 55 1st q. 22 10 9

26 Tuesday... 6 35 55 1st q. 22 10 9

27 Wednesday... 6 36 55 1st q. 22 10 9

28 Thursday... 6 37 55 1st q. 22 10 9

29 Friday... 6 38 55 1st q. 22 10 9

30 Saturday... 6 39 55 1st q. 22 10 9

1 Sunday... 6 40 55 1st q. 22 10 9

2 Monday... 6 41 55 1st q. 22 10 9

3 Tuesday... 6 42 55 1st q. 22 10 9

4 Wednesday... 6 43 55 1st q. 22 10 9

5 Thursday... 6 44 55 1st q. 22 10 9

6 Friday... 6 45 55 1st q. 22 10 9

7 Saturday... 6 46 55 1st q. 22 10 9

8 Sunday... 6 47 55 1st q. 22 10 9

9 Monday... 6 48 55 1st q. 22 10 9

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11 Wednesday... 6 50 55 1st q. 22 10 9

12 Thursday... 6 51 55 1st q. 22 10 9

13 Friday... 6 52 55 1st q. 22 10 9

14 Saturday... 6 53 55 1st q. 22 10 9

15 Sunday... 6 54 55 1st q. 22 10 9

16 Monday... 6 55 55 1st q. 22 10 9

17 Tuesday... 6 56 55 1st q. 22 10 9

18 Wednesday... 6 57 55 1st q. 22 10 9

19 Thursday... 6 58 55 1st q. 22 10 9

20 Friday... 6 59 55 1st q. 22 10 9

21 Saturday... 6 60 55 1st q. 22 10 9

22 Sunday... 6 61 55 1st q. 22 10 9

23 Monday... 6 62 55 1st q. 22 10 9

24 Tuesday... 6 63 55 1st q. 22 10 9

25 Wednesday... 6 64 55 1st q. 22 10 9

26 Thursday... 6 65 55 1st q. 22 10 9

27 Friday... 6 66 55 1st q. 22 10 9

28 Saturday... 6 67 55 1st q. 22 10 9

29 Sunday... 6 68 55 1st q. 22 10 9

30 Monday... 6 69 55 1st q. 22 10 9

31 Tuesday... 6 70 55 1st q. 22 10 9

1 Wednesday... 6 71 55 1st q. 22 10 9

2 Thursday... 6 72 55 1st q. 22 10 9

3 Friday... 6 73 55 1st q. 22 10 9

4 Saturday... 6 74 55 1st q. 22 10 9

5 Sunday... 6 75 55 1st q. 22 10 9

6 Monday... 6 76 55 1st q. 22 10 9

7 Tuesday... 6 77 55 1st q. 22 10 9

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